NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2025

GOLD $3,750.90 SILVER $45.09 ₿ BITCOIN $111,180

Last Month: GOLD $3,428.80 SILVER $39.24 ₿ BITCOIN $111,714

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NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 2ND

Next Olympia Coin Club Meeting
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
(next to the Lacey Community Center)
6757 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503
7:00PM - Doors open at 6:00PM

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

October 3rd - 5th

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association
20th Annual Fall Coin Show, Tukwila, WA
Tukwila Community Center
12424 42nd Ave. So.
Tukwila, WA

For a complete list of upcoming shows visit the PNNA Calendar - (Click here)

Oliver Brock
Club President

A WORD FROM PRESIDENT OLIVER BROCK

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Are We Headed To Coin Shop Desert in Washington TAXES are Coming Soon

We will have to wait and see, when talking with coin shop owners. Some say they will close shop others say they will wholesale only. Then one might ask about coin shows. That's where the Olympia Coin Club comes in. The Olympia show will be one if not the first show under the new tax law. Will coin shows be considered garage sale or swap meets?
We will have to wait and see how they classify a coin show.

PNNA was at the Fair. I would like to thank the club members that help at the booth.
I did two days and had a blast. One person said the booth is the best thing at the fair.

Olympia Coin Club
Meeting Minutes
Sept. 4, 2025

Richard Green
Club Secretary

President, Oliver Brock opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were 33 in attendance. Oliver introduced guest, Don Detlefsen, who subsequently joined. Oliver also voiced the opinion that it appeared that everyone had a good time at the picnic in August.

State Fair
At the time of this meeting, the State Fair had already started. Rick re-iterated that volunteers are still needed to man the PNNA Booth at the Fair and he circulated a sign-up sheet showing the available times. Volunteers receive free admittance and parking,

PNNA Show
The PNNA Show and Sale will be on Oct. 3 through 5. Volunteers are still needed and will receive free admittance for an hours work. See Rick or Kevin.

Treasurer's Report
Terri reported that as of Aug. 31, the Club had $4,256.36 on hand, with income of $4,113.50 and expenses of $4,574.30. The Club still needs a Treasurer. Please volunteer and support your Club.

Olympia Coin Club Show
Our Coin Show and Sale is scheduled for the last Sat. in January, 2026. The drawing tickets have been printed. This year's the grand prize will be a ¼ oz. gold coin with several Silver Eagles.

Yellow Ticket Winners
1999 Lincoln Penny Error Coin – Hunter Woods
1958 Canadian Dollar Coin – Jim Ratcliff Sr.
1986 Liberty Dollar Commemorative – Terri Yurkas

Membership Prize
1986 Liberty Half Dollar Commemorative - Dale Gerard.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Rich Green, Secretary

Next OCC Board Meeting
September 25th
6:00PM
River's Edge Restaurant

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Sep 25

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Comic Art One Ounce Silver Medal – Batman™

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COMING SOON LIMITED

Mighty Minters 2025 Ornament

ORNAMENTS

PHILADELPHIA (P)

25XT

Oct 7

COMING SOON LIMITED

United States Mint 2025 Ornament

ORNAMENTS

PHILADELPHIA (P)

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Oct 10

COMING SOON LIMITED

250th Anniversary United States Navy American Eagle One Ounce Silver Proof Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

SAN FRANCISCO (S)

25NPM

Oct 21

COMING SOON LIMITED

American Women Quarters 2025 Rolls and Bags - Althea Gibson

AMERICAN WOMEN QUARTERS™ PROGRAM

MULTI (D)(P)(S)

25WBJ 25WBK 25WRJ 25WRK

Nov 6

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Limited Edition 2025 Silver Proof Set

ANNUAL SETS

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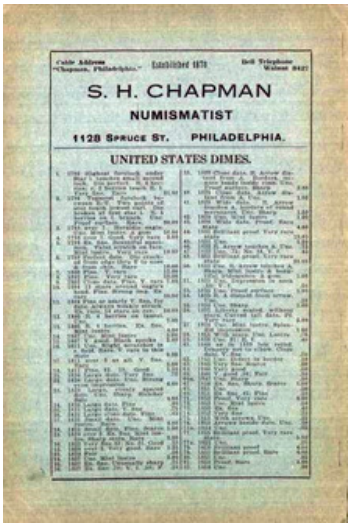
100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist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Here's a look back 100 years at the 1925 ANA Convention in Detroit, Michigan held August 21 to 27. Published October 1925

The Detroit Convention of the A. N. A.

Measured by previous conventions, the Detroit gathering of the A. N. A. was an unqualified success. If it fell short in some respects of previous gatherings, it exceeded others in certain essential features. Ask any of those who were present and they will probably tell you —

That the Detroit Coin Club is a bunch of live wires.

That Member A. C. Hutchinson doesn't make much noise, but accomplishes the things he sets out to do, and that he and Eddie Hoare, as a team, can pull a heavy load.

That the attendance was as large, if not larger, than at any previous convention.

That we had no kick coming on the brand of weather served by the Weather Man.

That there was more numismatics to the square inch at Detroit than at many previous conventions.

That the few bits of friction that generally develop at a convention were satisfactorily ironed out before coming to the surface and that harmony prevailed from beginning to end.

The absence of a number of old-timers was noticed with regret, but satisfactory explanations were offered for most of them and there were no indications that any of them wanted to be placed on the retired list. To offset these there were evidences that a number of first or second timers will soon get the convention habit and join the ranks of the old-timers.

The arrangements made by the Detroit Coin Club were similar to those at Cleveland last year and were convenient and satisfactory in every way. All the activities were centered at Hotel Statler, the exhibit room and general headquarters being on one of the corridors of the ballroom floor and the room for the business sessions on the opposite corridor on the same floor. The name of the latter — the Henry II Room — had a distinctly historic flavor if not a strictly numismatic one. If there was one feature of the hotel that seemed out of harmony with the other splendid appointments it was the elevator service. With this exception, all that could be expected or desired in a hotel was furnished and was of the highest order.

The vanguard of the visitors reached Detroit on Thursday. From then until the convention adjourned, each day brought new arrivals. The bulk of the visitors had arrived by Saturday morning, to be on hand for the festivities which were scheduled to begin Saturday afternoon.

Throughout the entire convention an atmosphere reminiscent of the early days of the Association and of Dr. Heath prevailed. The erection of the Heath Memorial at Monroe was largely responsible for this, but a number of other incidents contributed to it. Among these was the fact that the 1894 convention, the largest of the early meetings, was held in Detroit. Other things were the exhibit of a Detroit newspaper containing an account of that convention; the exhibit of the original list of charter members of the A. N. A.; the remarks on the floor of the convention by Mr. Fratcher relating to the press on which the first issues of The Numismatist were printed, and the presence at most of the entertainment features of Donald R. Heath, son of Dr. Heath, and Mrs. Heath.

Saturday Afternoon — The "Trip Abroad."

It was about 1 o'clock that Eddie Hoare began rounding up the party for the "trip abroad." There was more or less mystery about our actual destination, though it was noticed that no one was taking steamer trunks and very little hand baggage. No secret was made of the fact that we were going over to Windsor, Ontario, but beyond that and the fact that a smoker was scheduled to take place there in the evening, all was speculation. A short walk brought us to the Windsor Ferry, and a few minutes later we were on Canadian soil. On the Windsor side we found two large busses for our accommodation, and into these we climbed for a tour of the "border cities," as they are called — Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville. The route was south from Windsor along the river road to Sandwich. A turn was made here and the route to Walkerville was covered through a series of streets lined with beautiful residences, many of which showed plainly an English touch in the vine-covered entrances and shrubbery about the grounds.

We are violating no confidence when we state that Walkerville is the home of the distillery of Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., and that its office building is little short of palatial. As long as we were in the neighborhood of the building it was the unanimous opinion that it would be a social breach if we failed to at least leave our card. Fortunately, a representative of the firm was in, and his greeting was so cordial that we half suspect our visit was not a surprise. The entire building, comprising numerous offices was open to our inspection. After the inspection and after everything had received our O. K. we were ushered into a large room for a little rest. Soon a bowl of punch made its appearance, followed by sandwiches as delicious as they were varied. As an added attraction, an exhibition of artistic dancing was given by little Miss Dana Mehl, and "The Marseillaise" was sung in French by little Miss Carolyn Wormser.

On behalf of the visitors President Wormser expressed our appreciation of the firm's hospitality, to which response was made by one of its representatives, with an invitation to again drop in any time we happened to be in that locality.

Another ride ot an hour through the country adjacent to Walkerville brought us to the Prince Edward Hotel, in Windsor, about 7 o'clock, where the evening's smoker was scheduled to be held, the ladies of the party returning to Detroit.

Saturday Evening's Smoker.

The smoker varied little from previous convention functions of the kind, except in some of the talent provided for the entertainment. This was made up largely of vocal selections, one of the singers making a decided hit with our party. During the program sandwiches were served. An A. N. A. smoker without a contribution by Elmer Sears would not be a smoker, so in order to preserve the name he related several of his choice stock of stories. The entertainment was brought to a close by a few words from President Wormser.

Monday Afternoon — The Trip to Bob-Lo.

A lengthy business session on Monday morning, followed immediately by the taking of the officiffial photograph, brought the time close to the hour scheduled for the boat ride down the river to Bois Blanc (Bob-Lo), and a rush was made to catch the boat without opportunity to satisfy the cravings of the inner man. The lunch counter on the boat had probably never before met face to face a hungry party of 7 5 numismatists, and before all were served it had to acknowledge it was not equal to the occasion.

An enjoyable ride of an hour and a half brought us to the resort, one of the playgrounds for Detroiters. Going ashore we left behind the dignity that is supposed to encompass the average numismatist like a halo and became children again — most of us. If this statement shall be disputed, photographs are in existence which will verify it. It was not an uncommon thing to see gray-haired or bald-headed men, and ladies no longer of the flapper age go by in a tiny wagon behind a pair of high-stepping ponies. In fact, this particular form of enjoyment seemed to be the favorite with our party. Though there are other amusements at the park, the ponies had the call. Some of the others, who felt that ponies and carts are only for children, compromised with the little dignity they brought ashore by cavorting around in a circle perched on the back of a wooden horse, endeavoring to capture the brass ring that would entitle them to a free ride.

Briefly stated, the ride on the river is the best part of the trip. On the ride down, the dancing floor was cleared and little Miss Mehl gave another exhibition of her accomplishments as a dancer.

Monday Night — Dealers' Night.

Monday night was set as "Dealers' Night," when everybody was invited to buy and sell coins to his heart's content. The exhibit room was the market place. This was a new feature for an A. N. A. convention, but it is one that should be encouraged. No statistics are available to enable us to determine whether or not it was successful, but from observation it did not appear that many members were offering coins for sale. The buying and selling of coins at former conventions has been confined largely to the members' rooms and not to the exhibit room. However, a number of coins changed hands during the evening. One dealer had on hand a great quantity of copper coins, tokens, etc., a good part of which were disposed of. In fact, it was around this big assortment of coins that interest was centered. Dr. Hetrich captured the bulk of the Civil War tokens, while other parts of the stock went to different buyers in large or small lots. Twenty of the Lincoln medals issued by Robert P. King, commemorating the publication in The Numismatist of February, 1924, of his list of Lincoln medals, tokens, etc., were also sold during the evening.

Tuesday Afternoon — The Auto Trip.

The route of the auto trip on Tuesday afternoon covered about 35 miles and was arranged to give the visitors a view of some of the best residential sections and points of interest in the city. The party left the hotel in three of the large busses of the American Motor Tours Company. On Boston, Second and Chicago avenues the residences of a number of noted men were pointed out, including those of the late John Dodge, of the Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company; B. Siegel, proprietor of one of Detroit's fashionable stores; Senator James J. Couzens; S. S. Kresge, the five and ten cent store king, and the old home of Henry Ford. A number of the plants identified with the automobile indusrty were also along the route. Other important buildings pointed out were the Henry Ford Hospital and a new home for nurses, the gift of Mrs. Clara Ford, mother of Henry Ford; the General Motors Office Building, the largest of its kind in the world; the new City Library and the Detroit Institute of Arts Building; the Convention Hall, and Webster Hall, a unique bachelor apartment of 800 rooms. Not the least interesting feature of the trip was the ride through Highland Park and the Ford plant located there. Highland Park is a city of 75,000 people and is entirely surrounded by the city of Detroit, but is a separate corporation, having its own city government and its police and fire departments. A stop of an hour was made at the Ford plant, through a portion of which our party was conducted. The assembling department was closed to visitors, due, it was rumored, to the changes being made in the models of next year's cars. The part of the plant visited was that in which the smaller parts of the cars are made. The plant employs 85,000 men and women and conducts its own grocery store, meat market, shoe store and drug store for the benefit of the employes and where goods are sold at cost.

Belle Isle Park was visited on the return trip. It is located on an island and contains over 700 acres, a part of which is devoted to playgrounds. A short stop was made at the aquarium in the park.

Tuesday Evening — The Theater Party.

The theater party on Tuesday evening was made up of practically all the visiting members, as well as a number of the members of the Detroit Coin Club. The house selected was Keith's Temple Theater. A block of parquet seats had been reserved for the A. N. A. members, and an enjoyable evening's entertainment was provided. We recognized an old friend in Tom Brown and his minstrel orchestra, as he and his saxophone orchestra were on the program at the theater party at the Cleveland convention last year. Perhaps the act that pleased our party best was that of Frank Van Horn, billed as "The Mad Magician." Regardless of the merit of his act or his "magic," he provided a good laugh for the audience.

Wednesday Evening — The Banquet.

The banquet on Wednesday evening was a most enjoyable affair. In addition to the visitors, a number of the Detroit members and their wives graced the occasion with their presence. It was held in the main banquet hall of Hotel Statler, the party being seated at fifteen tables. The toastmaster was Edward A. Hoare, President of the Detroit Coin Club. A musical program was rendered through the courtesy of Grinnell Brothers, proprietors of Detroit's largest musical house, both of whom are members of the Detroit Coin Club, and was under the direction of Miss Vera Richardson. It consisted of selections by a male quartet, composed of Messrs. Hausherr, Draper, Bateman and McHugh, and piano selections by Miss Richardson.

After the cigars were lighted Toastmaster Hoare called on Gen. Charles Coolidge, one of the guests, a relative of President Coolidge, who responded briefly. In introducing him Mr. Hoare stated that General Coolidge was the first American general to enter China after the Boxer rebellion. The toastmaster then called on Messrs. Edward T. Newell, Elmer Sears, Farran Zerbe, Harry Yawger, President Wormser and Ludger Gravel, each of whom responded. As Mr. Gravel concluded some one suggested that an A. N. A. convention would not be complete without "Alouette." Mr. Gravel was willing and led in the song, the other members who have become familiar with it calling the responses.

Vice-President Fisher called attention to the fact that it was the birthday anniversary of President Wormser and proposed a toast to him, which was drunk — with water — followed by all singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Star-Spangled Banner," followed by another exhibition of dancing by little Miss Mehl, brought the entertainment features of the convention to a close.

At Bob-Lo the ladies rehearse the popular resort ballad, "Have You Seen Anything of Our Husbands?"

Madly indulging in the pleasures of Bob-Lo. As the party stopped for this photograph Renaud developed a sudden and unexplained affection for the ponies. Gillette, who stands at the side, cautions Julius Guttag to be careful in rounding the curves.

1925 Article on the Fort Vancouver Half Dollar - Oct. 1925

The Fort Vancouver Half Dollar.

One of the commemorative coins authorized by Congress last spring was for the 100th anniversary of the building of Fort Vancouver, Wash. The distribution of the coins was begun about the middle of August with the beginning of the celebration at Vancouver on August 17, which lasted for a week. A feature of the event was a pageant, "The Coming of the White Man," based on historical facts, in which more than 300 persons took part. In addition, there was an industrial exhibit and various forms of amusement. Governor Hartley visited the celebration in an airplane and a banquet was given to the visiting notables.

The half dollar bears on the obverse the bust of Dr. John McLoughlin, who built the fort, with his name below it. Above, "United States of America." Below, "Half Dollar." At left and right, separated by the bust, "1825 1925." "In God We Trust." The reverse has a full-length figure of a frontiersman, with gun in his hands, the fort and a mountain peak in the background, all enclosed by a circle. Surrounding, between the circle and the edge, "Fort Vancouver Centennial. Vancouver, Washington, Founded by Hudson's Bay Company." The model for the coin was made by Mrs. Laura G. Fraser, wife of James E. Frazer, of New York City, designer of the buffalo nickel.

Mr. George A. Pipes, of Portland, Ore., a member of the A. N. A., has written for The Numismatist an interesting sketch of Dr. McLoughlin and a history of the founding of Fort Vancouver, which is printed below.

Dr. John McLoughlin and the Vancouver Centennial.

Last August there was celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the building of Fort Vancouver, in the State of Washington. This event marked a new era in the progress of Western civilization. The fort became the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company, which governed a vast territory reaching as far north as Alaska, as far south as California, east to the Rocky Mountains and west to the Pacific Ocean. The fort, built near the present barracks of Vancouver, Wash., became the seat of government for all that territory. This was at a time when neither the English nor the United States Government was functioning in that part of the West. The territory was peopled by about 1000 white men, the employees of the Hudson's Bay Company, engaged principally in fur trading, and perhaps 100,000 Indians. The fort was built in 1825 by Dr. John McLoughlin, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company. The centennial of this building is of such importance that the Government has issued a commemorative half dollar, showing the fort on the reverse and a portrait of Dr. McLoughlin on the obverse.

The interest in this coin is heightened by a knowledge of the man whose portrait it bears. Dr. McLoughlin was truly a great man. He ruled this great territory as an absolute monarch, a benevolent despot, Haroun-alRaschid reincarnated. He was able to convince the savage tribes of Indians that he and his company intended them no harm. If an Indian did wrong to a white man, he was punished, and the same punishment was administered to a white who wronged an Indian. He forbade the evil practice which had existed theretofore of trading "firewater" to the Indians. He dealt with such justness toward these savage tribes that for hundreds of miles around they acknowledged him their Big Chief and lived in peace and quiet among the whites.

1925 Article on the Fort Vancouver Half Dollar - Oct. 1925 - Continued.

Dr. McLoughlin was born in Canada in 1784, of Scotch-Irish descent. Being a British subject, it was to his interest and that of the company by whom he was employed to prevent a settlement of the country by Americans, but his loyalty to his country and to his company was not so strong as his love for humanity. This stern man of business was ever ready to welcome the weary wayfarer, and his generous hand was always outstretched, to render aid in time of need. Had it not been for Dr. McLoughlin's bounty hundreds of American immigrants would have perished from starvation. Without his wise and just treatment of the Indians, countless numbers of whites would have been massacred. In appearance Dr. McLoughlin was a large man, his face beaming with intelligence, firmness and benignity, whose long white hair, florid complexion and clear blue eyes distinguished him among a thousand men. Dignified, courtly and gracious in his deportment, he was a conspicuous representative of the picturesque and romantic period of our history. He conducted the affairs of the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Vancouver from the time of his appointment in 1824 until 1846, when he resigned and retired to live at Oregon City. There he engaged in private enterprises, became a naturalized American, and died there in 1857. The conspicuous and honorable part he played in the development of the West renders it fitting that honor be paid to his memory.

1925 Fort Vancouver Half Dollar 50c PCGS MS64 Silver Commemorative.
This particular coin sold on eBay for $445.00 with 23 bids. - March 30, 2025.

Are You A Themed Collector?

When it comes to collecting, some folks follow dates. Others chase mints, errors, or metal types. But for some collectors—especially this time of year—it's all about the theme. And what better theme than Halloween?

While the U.S. Mint has never released an official Halloween coin, private mints have filled the void with ghoulish creativity. Mints like SilverTowne, Scottsdale Mint, and JM Bullion produce seasonal rounds and bars featuring pumpkins, haunted houses, skeletons, and witches—often colorized and struck in .999 fine silver. These spooky pieces have become a fall favorite among collectors who enjoy a bit of fright with their bullion.

But Halloween coin collecting doesn't stop there.

☃️ Hobo Nickels in Disguise

The long-standing folk tradition of carving Hobo Nickels—once a pastime for traveling artisans—is alive and well, and getting creepier by the year. Modern engravers are embracing Halloween inspiration to transform old coins into tiny horror scenes and skeletal portraits. Look closely and you might find:

- Liberty turned into a jack-o'-lantern
- Jefferson with zombie eyes and stitched lips
- Skull-faced hobos lurking beneath eerie moons

Many of these coins are one-of-a-kind, hand-engraved, and surprisingly affordable. Others fetch top dollar for their detail and originality. In either case, they're a hauntingly perfect way to add personality and edge to your collection.

🧑‍🎄 Tricks, Treats, and Traditions

Halloween-themed coins and engraved nickels remind us that collecting can be playful, even theatrical. They blend craftsmanship with cultural celebration—and they just might scare up some new interest at your next show-and-tell.

So, are you a themed collector? This October, mix it up with something spooky, surprising, and uniquely seasonal.

Hand carved Indian Head nickel by Aleksey Saburov - 2017

Since we're talking Halloween-themed coins, here's one you can find right in your pocket change to add to the collection: the 2020 American Samoa quarter from the National Park series.

If you're into stacking silver, there are lots of Halloween-themed silver coins available this time of year. This particular 1 oz silver round will set you back about $55.

Some hand-carved, Halloween-themed Hobo Nickels by Jay DeBoer

Clickbait Coins: Why Your Pocket Change Isn't Worth Millions (But It Could Be!)

Coin Hype Is Everywhere: Why the Internet Keeps Telling You Your Pocket Change Is Worth Millions

You've probably seen them in your feed, in your email, or even forwarded by a well-meaning friend or family member:
"This 50¢ Coin Sold for $675,000 — Check Your Change!"
"Don't Toss That Coin: 2023 Bicentennial Quarter Found in Laundry Worth $1.4 Million!"
Sounds exciting, right? Maybe even believable at first glance. But take it from your fellow collectors — these headlines are 95% hype, 5% fact (if that). So why are there so many of these viral coin stories floating around lately? Let's break it down.

1. Engagement Farming: Emotion Over Accuracy

These stories are engineered to grab attention — with just enough truth to seem plausible, but plenty of exaggeration to make you click. They're built to trigger a reaction:

- Excitement ("I think I have one of those!")
- Curiosity ("Could this really be true?")
- FOMO ("What if I threw one away?")

The platforms that host these stories (Facebook, Instagram, shady websites) reward engagement, not credibility. The more people who click and share, the more the algorithm pushes the story — even if it's nonsense.

2. Ad Revenue & SEO: Viral Coins = Easy Money

These articles make money just by being clicked. That's why they're often:

- Light on facts, heavy on drama
- Optimized for search engines (think: "valuable coins in circulation 2023")
- Loaded with ads and affiliate links

Coin stories work especially well because they mix nostalgia, hope, and the dream of a lucky find. Even if the truth is far less glamorous — like a coin worth $5 in high grade — the article will spin it like you're sitting on a jackpot.

3. AI-Generated Fluff: Real Coins, Fake News

A growing number of these stories are written (or rewritten) by AI tools, and it shows:

- Generic descriptions with no real numismatic context
- Misused terminology (calling all varieties "errors")
- Recycled claims about coins that "just sold for thousands" with no link to an actual sale

They'll throw in just enough detail — like "a rare 50¢ coin from 1964" — to sound legit, but without any verification, sources, or auction records.

Don't Toss That Coin: 2023 Bicentennial Quarter Found in Laundry Worth $1.4 Million

4. Escapism Sells: People Want a Lucky Break

Times are tough. So stories that say your spare change might be worth $1.4 million are appealing, even if they're far-fetched. These viral pieces offer:

- A fantasy of hidden fortune
- A sense of hope
- A chance to feel like you might beat the odds

But they're rarely honest about condition, rarity, or population. A coin that sold for six figures was probably a unique high-grade example, not one pulled from laundry.

5. Algorithms Boost Feel-Good Myths

Social media is designed to keep you scrolling — and feel-good (or get-rich-quick) coin stories are irresistible bait. They're designed to:

- Be shared ("Tag your coin-collecting uncle!")
- Spark comments ("I think I have one of these!")
- Keep people hooked

And unfortunately, the algorithms don't care if it's factual — only if it performs.

🚩 **Red Flags to Watch For:**

As collectors, we know what to look for. But for those newer to the hobby, here are some common warning signs:

- No specific mint mark, grade, or variety
- Claims like "recently sold" with no auction link or source
- Misleading headlines (e.g. "Bicentennial quarter found in laundry worth $1.4M" — which never happened)
- No mention of coin grading or professional authentication
- Overuse of vague terms like "ultra rare," "secretly valuable," or "worth thousands"

Final Thoughts: Don't Believe the Hype

There are valuable coins out there. And yes, some do sell for astonishing amounts — but only under the right conditions: extreme rarity, pristine grade, known provenance, or dramatic mint errors. Those cases are real, but rare.

So next time you see one of those viral headlines, take a breath, take it with a grain of salt, and maybe even bring the coin to the next club meeting. We'll give it a proper look — no clickbait required.

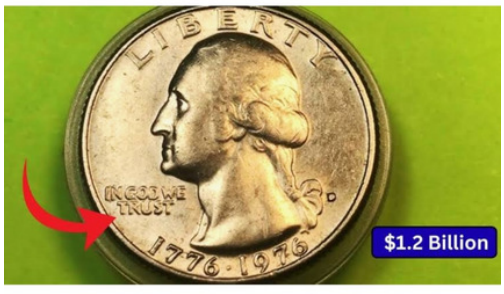
resedajaopayathai.com

How to Spot the Rare Sacagawea Dollar Valued at $2.1 Million

paris2018.com

Rare Dime Secretly Saved by Ohio Family Sells for $500K

islandadventuresnowmobile.com



The $1.2 Billion Bicentennial Quarter Search Is On: What's in Your Pocket Change?

Keep the Club Running - OCC Needs you as our Treasurer

Olympia Coin Club needs a Treasurer to keep the club running. Are you interested?

Treasurer Duties:

- Collect Payments – Receive membership dues and bid board sales (from Rick Schultz).
- Auction Transactions – Receive payments for auctions and make change (assistants may handle this).
- Manage Club Finances – Oversee the checkbook and cash box.
- Pay any bills or invoices
- Record keeping – Maintain transaction records and send them to Terri for the Treasurer's Report (or create the report yourself if preferred).
- Financial Reporting – Provide a financial update to officers and directors.
- Annual Coin Show – Collect funds from ticket and table sales, track income and expenses, and provide the cash box for the event.

You're our missing piece
Be the club treasurer

Assistant Treasurer Duties:

(We can have multiple assistants,
so don't hesitate to jump in!)

- Auction Management – Track auction sales - yellow auction sheets.
- Raffle Coordination – Sell raffle tickets for 3–4 prizes during the meeting.
- Announce Winners – Announce the raffle and membership prize winners.
- Transaction Handling – Receive auction payments and provide change.
- Seller Settlements – Finalize auction sellers' auction lots, charge any applicable fees, and pay the seller.

2026-2026 Elected Officers

President	Oliver Brock
Vice President	Jay DeBoer
Treasurer	
Secretary	Richard Green

Board Members

Position 1	Todd Hughes
Position 2	Jordan Kennedy
Position 3	Dale Gerard
Position 4	Ken Fialkowski

Wonderful Supporting Members

Auctioneer	Kevin Charboneau
Auction Recorder	Kristi Gerard
Auction Videographer	Rudy Kennedy
Club Baker	Mike Zagorin

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor	Jay DeBoer

Regular Monthly Meeting

Regular monthly meetings are held at:
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
(next to the Lacey Community Center)
6757 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503
7:00PM on the first Thursday of the month.
Doors open at 6:00PM
No July meeting - August is the Club Picnic
December is the Club Holiday Party

Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of odd numbered months at 6:00PM .
River's Edge Restaurant
4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE
Tumwater, WA 98501
Board meetings are open to everyone

Olympia Coin Club

Established January 1958 - Olympia, Washington

Membership

Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st.
Annual-dues are $15 for Regular and Family memberships
Junior membership (under 18) is $3

Our Commitment to Numismatics

- **Promote numismatics** – Foster a deep appreciation for coins, currency, and related collectibles, encouraging study, preservation, and historical exploration.
- **Cultivate fellowship among numismatists** – Build a welcoming community where collectors can connect, share knowledge, and enjoy mutual interests.
- **Encourage and assist collectors** – Support collectors at all levels by providing resources, guidance, and opportunities to expand their collections.
- **Provide an opportunity to buy, sell, or trade coins** – Create a marketplace where enthusiasts can engage in fair and informed transactions.
- **Engage and inspire young numismatists** – Spark interest in coin collecting among younger generations through mentorship, educational programs, and hands-on activities, ensuring the future of the hobby.

Past Issues of the OCC Newsletter can be obtained from the Olympia Coin Club Facebook Group

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Free Classified Ads for members: All OCC members get a free classified ad in the newsletter. Post your Wanted / Selling / Services etc. If you have a business card for your business or hobby that can be posted also.

WANTED: Olympia Trade Tokens, Hobo Nickels, Error Coins. **SELLING**: Hobo Nickels, Trade Tokens, Currency, Error notes and coins.
Jay DeBoer - JayHobo.com

Leave a Legacy of Numismatic Passion
Consider including the Olympia Coin Club in your estate plans. Whether it's coins, tokens, supplies, or a monetary donation, your gift can help preserve our shared love of history and collecting for future generations. A legacy donation ensures your passion lives on — inspiring, educating, and connecting fellow enthusiasts for years to come. To learn more about how you can make a lasting impact, speak with a club officer.

Auction Donations: Have duplicate coins, older currency, or even treasured pieces you'd like to see make a difference? Enter them in the club auction marked "For the Club" — all proceeds go toward strengthening Olympia Coin Club programs and events. Every donation, big or small, helps build a richer future for our community.

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association
20th Annual Fall Coin Show
October 3-5, 2025

Over 100 Local, Regional and National Dealer Tables

General Show Information:
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Kevin Charboneau
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Bourse Information:
Bourse Chairman
Scott Loos
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Email: scottloos@msn.com

Admission - $5.00.
Children under 13 are free.

- Located just 10 minutes from SeaTac Airport and 20 minutes from downtown Seattle, WA.
- Oldest and Biggest Show in the Northwest.
- Outstanding competitive exhibits.
- Youth Treasure Hunt and Prizes.
- Plenty of FREE off-street parking.
- Scouting Merit Badge Clinic on Saturday.
- Public Show Hours: Friday 12PM-7PM; Saturday 10AM-6PM; Sunday 10AM-4PM.

Show Location: Tukwila Community Center, 12424—42nd Avenue South, Tukwila, WA (I-5 Exit 156)

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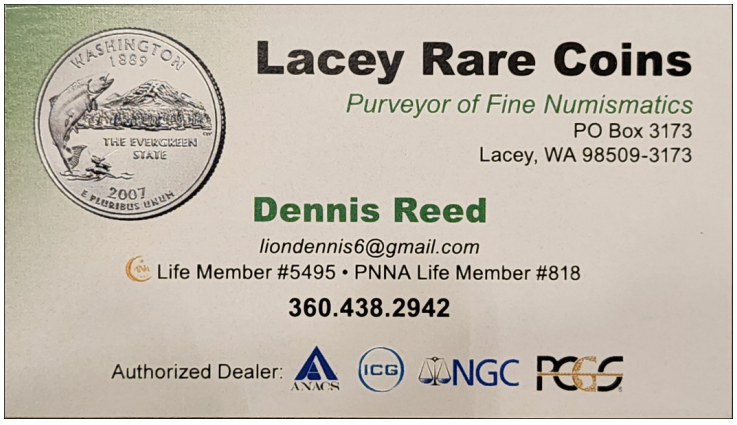

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